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Honorable Marvin L. Esch
Congress of the United States
1421 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Esch:

Monroe Port Commission

There is considerable background regarding the solid waste disposal facilities operated on the Monroe Port Commission property. The City of Monroe is presently using a parcel on the north central portion of the area; however, the City is attempting now to secure a new location for their operation.

An industrial solid waste disposal facility has used quite an extensive area of the Commission property on both the west and east side of I-75 with the most recent activity south of Front Street moving eastward to the east boundary line.

For a long time the operation was responsible for considerable air pollution as a result of their continued burning, and we were also concerned about possible water pollution as a result of some liquids and chemicals that were at times accepted under the original management. These particular problems have been resolved so our concerns for the pollution aspects of this operation have been virtually eliminated as the company is obligated to exclude all but inert material from the fill being discharged within their boundaries on submerged lands.

With the elimination of pollution and the right of the Port Commission by case law in a supreme court decision to use these lands, due to State and Federal sale in the eighteen hundreds, we and the Conservation Department were not in a position to restrict usage. Some control was required by the Conservation Department to prevent the movement of muck and peat into open water as the filling progressed. A dike construction permit (file #67-13-2) was required by the Conservation Department and a permit was issued to the Port Commission on March 2, 1967.

The local health department reported to us that the dike constructed during the winter months of '67 and '68 apparently has not weathered the high water conditions this summer. This matter has been referred to the Department of Conservation for action. It is planned now that a joint inspection will be made on September 17 or 18, 1968, whereupon orders for correction will be directed to the Port Commission demanding that the dike be rebuilt and maintained according to the terms of the permit.

Sincerely yours,

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